

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 26, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 17222)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 17223) September 28, 2017.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 17224) Commending Mary Caruso, on the happy occasion of her
 85th birthday.

4. Citation By Ald. McWatters, the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 17225) Commending Anna Ciccariello Sherwood on the happy
 occasion of her retirement from the city after 27 years of
 dedicated public service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to relocate Pole 325-68 at 343
 Location Summer St 15 feet to the east, and to install 7 feet of
 (ID # 17226) conduit in Summer St from Pole 325-69A to a point of
 pickup at 343 Summer St.

6. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in
 Location Oak St from Pole 258/8 to a point of pickup at 43 Oak
 (ID # 17227) St.

7. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 9 feet of conduit in
 Location Beacon St from Pole 269/13 to a point of pickup at 191
 (ID # 17228) Beacon St.

8. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 36 feet of conduit in
 Location Warwick St from Pole 2 to a point of pickup at 12
 (ID # 17230) Warwick St.

9. Grant of Submitted by Patriot Custom Homes to install 36 feet of
 Location conduit in Chandler St from Pole 227/9 to a point of
 (ID # 17229) pickler at 74 Chandler St.

10. Grant of Location (ID # 17231) Submitted by Lightower Fiber Networks to replace a pendant streetlight at 445 Artisan Way, and relocate it 10 feet to the east, with a new ODAS node and accessory equipment installed.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Resolution (ID # 17174) By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne
That the Administration advise this Board on enforcing city ordinances, and develop a better response to repeat violations, including whether eyewitness reports or submitted evidence can be the basis for a citation.
12. Resolution (ID # 17204) By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne
That the Administration revise applicable ordinances and policies to prevent construction crews from closing sidewalks unless accommodations for safe pedestrian passage have been made, including detail officers at mid-block crossings.
13. Order (ID # 17184) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Personnel submit to this Board by its next regular meeting, a report of all department vacancies and the starting date of each vacancy, as well as any hires in process.
14. Resolution (ID # 17185) By Ald. Rossetti, Davis, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Administration give immediate attention to its ability to contact any of the communication companies when safety concerns arise.
15. Communication (ID # 17186) By Ald. Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting.
16. Order (ID # 17187) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the uneven sidewalk at 153-155 Pearl Street.
17. Order (ID # 17188) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Morton Street that are blocking street lights.
18. Resolution (ID # 17189) By Ald. McLaughlin
Requesting the State Delegation to support House Bill 3027, An Act to Establish the Office of Adult Guardianship and Decisional Support Services.

19. Order (ID # 17205) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the status of the dilapidated two-family house at 19-21 Vernon Street.
20. Order (ID # 17206) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench halfway between Willow Avenue and Grove Street on the Community Path.
21. Order (ID # 17207) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and storm drain at the driveway/curb cut at 32 Warwick Street.
22. Order (ID # 17208) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the weeds near Warwick Street and the Community Path ramp, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman who owns that property.
23. Communication (ID # 17209) By Ald. Niedergang
Reporting on the activities of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
24. Resolution (ID # 17210) By Ald. Heuston
Urging the MBTA to maintain the fencing along the commuter rail corridor, to prevent the needless loss of life.
25. Order (ID # 17211) By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk request that the owner of Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect Street, appear before this Board's Licenses and Permits Committee to respond to neighborhood concerns about the business.
26. Order (ID # 17212) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional services inspect the Adrian Street area for rodents and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman.
27. Resolution (ID # 17213) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration provide a means for Ward 2 residents to report helicopter noise early on weekday mornings, and partner with Cambridge to prepare a formal complaint.
28. Order (ID # 17214) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Parks and Recreation inform this Board about returning the bike racks to the Argenziano School yard.

29. Resolution (ID # 17215) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration inform this Board how Somerville participants will be chosen for the proposed GLX Community Working Group.
30. Order (ID # 17216) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 17 Pleasant Avenue.
31. Order (ID # 17217) By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Vinal Avenue from Highland Avenue to Summer Street at various times to monitor speeding motorists.
32. Order (ID # 17218) By Ald. McWatters
That the Police Chief order a directed patrol on Atherton and Beech Streets for motorists making illegal left turns.
33. Order (ID # 17219) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider placing a roundabout at Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Avenue, and consider a neighborhood meeting to discuss the proposal.
34. Order (ID # 17220) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign on Hamlet Street: OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND BICYCLISTS ONLY, M-F 7-9 AM and 4-6PM.
35. Ordinance (ID # 17221) By Ald. White Jr., Davis
Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36. Resolution 204160 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Mayor provide to this Board, by October 26, 2017, the analysis he referenced in a communication on June 28, 2017 regarding the costs and uses of Dilboy Field by city nonprofit sports programs.
37. Order 204300 By Ald. Rossetti, Davis, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications review the attached email regarding better communication to residents for items before the Planning and Zoning Boards, and report back to this Board by October 23.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17194) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 25, 2017.

- B. Mayor's Request 204441 Requesting acceptance of a \$1,703,572 grant that requires a match, from HUD to the SPCD Housing Division for its lead abatement program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

39. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17190) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on October 16, 2017.

- B. Order 202148 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Administration discuss pre-planning and planning processes and requirements for private developers and city infrastructure projects, identifying differences and similarities.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Order 203980 By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board why even the top priority recommendations of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group have not yet been implemented after almost two years, and consider hiring additional staff to effectively address the affordable housing emergency.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Order 204168 By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Davis, and the Entire Board
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board by September 28, 2017, the owners and addresses of all properties where Stop Work Orders were issued over the past two years, along with the names of the permit applicants and a list of any fines issued.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Officer's Communication 204187 Community Preservation Committee responding to #203735 re: prioritizing affordable housing funds for municipal workforce housing.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Order 204299 By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly
That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss plans to connect the Inner Belt with North Point and the substance of any discussions with the City of Cambridge.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 204301 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the city's Assessment of Fair Housing recently completed for HUD, and explain what the city is doing to advance fair housing and combat housing discrimination.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

40. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17191) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 19, 2017.
- B. Order 202360 By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance for jobs linkage fees.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 203870 By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board no later than August 1, 2017 on progress on a revised demolition review ordinance following the 3 community meetings this spring.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Resolution (ID # 17195) By Ald. Heuston, Rossetti
That the Administration consider adding a position to oversee street reconstruction and utility work, and provide this Board with a list of duties of said position.
- E. Resolution (ID # 17196) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration consider increasing permit fees to cover the cost of a new position to oversee street reconstruction and utility work.
- F. Order (ID # 17197) By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor draft a revised version of Ordinance 6-3(b)(3), Smoking in Parks, to extend the smoking prohibition to 50 feet.

41. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17193) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 25, 2017.

- B. Officer's Communication 204028 Police Detective reporting on an incident in support of possible revocation of the Used Car Dealer License issued to American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Grant of Location 204246 Submitted by Eversource to install 2,006 feet of ductile steel pipe and conduit beneath Mystic Avenue, from Middlesex Avenue southeasterly to Alfred Lombardi Way.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Communication 204285 Conveying a Host Community Agreement with Eversource.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order (ID # 17253) By Ald. Connolly That the Used Car Dealer Class 2 license issued to FMS Auto Sales LLC, 682 Mystic Avenue, be revoked immediately.

42. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17192) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 24, 2017.
- B. Officer's Communication 203413 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/27/17.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Officer's Communication 203813 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/25/17.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Officer's Communication 204188 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 7/13/17.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Officer's Communication 204288 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/24/17.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Officer's Communication 204335 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/28/17.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Public Communication 204423 Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the October 6 Beacon Street tree removal.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Officer's Communication 204445 City Engineer submitting responding to #203496 re: Pitman Street pavement.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 17238) Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss the hiring and retention of school nurses.
- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 17078) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond to repair and improve the Buena Vista Garage.
- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 17180) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$32,499.79 using available funds in various accounts in the Department of Public Works for services provided.
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 17179) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$4,000 using available funds in the Police Department Professional and Technical Services Account for Middle School Survey-Consultation.
- 47. Mayor's Request (ID # 17178) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,267.17 using available funds in the Police Department Animal Control Professional and Technical Services Account for veterinary services.
- 48. Mayor's Request (ID # 17072) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$977.05 using available funds in the Law Department's Legal Services Account for court reporting services.
- 49. Mayor's Communication (ID # 17233) Conveying the City's Amazon HQ2 Proposal.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 50. Officer's Communication (ID # 17182) Chief Assessor requesting to appear at this Board's meeting on November 9, 2017, for the Classification Public Hearing and determining and adopting the tax levy percentages for FY18.
- 51. Officer's Communication (ID # 17177) Director of Personnel submitting an update on permanently filling the Fire Chief Engineer position.

- 52. Officer's Communication (ID # 17183) Council on Aging Director responding to #204302 re: disposing of large items at 240 Pearl Street.
- 53. Officer's Communication (ID # 17169) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/12/17.

NEW BUSINESS

- 54. License/Permit (ID # 17239) Public Event Permit, Bond St Block Party Chili Cookoff, Nov 5, Noon-4:30PM (raindate Nov 19).
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 17240) Public Event Permit, Boston International Kids Film Festival tables, Statue Park, Nov 5, Noon-5:30PM.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 17241) Public Event Permit, Boston Meditation table, Statue Park, Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 3, 12:30-7PM.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 17242) New Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford St, opening 7 days/wk until 2AM for dine-in, take-out, and delivery service.
- 58. Public Communication (ID # 17232) Tufts University submitting its Fall 2017 University Accountability report.
- 59. Public Communication (ID # 17235) Harvard University submitting its Fall 2017 University Accountability report.
- 60. Public Communication (ID # 17236) Hanna Bao submitting comments re: the proposed zoning overhaul.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 61. Order (ID # 17243) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 31 Porter Street for rodent activity and instruct the owner to clean up the property and, if appropriate, address the problem.
- 62. Resolution (ID # 17245) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti
Declaring that the FAA and Massport, by increasing traffic on Logan Airport Runway 33L, are neglecting the health, welfare, and quality of life of Somerville's residents, and urging the Administration to determine the city's legal options for recourse.

63. Mayor's Request (ID # 17248) Requesting approval of an Ordinance for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.
64. Mayor's Request (ID # 17252) Requesting approval of the proposed Union Square District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program.
65. Mayor's Request (ID # 17247) Requesting a transfer of \$32,500 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries Account to fund an Environmental Health Liaison.
66. Mayor's Request (ID # 17246) Requesting acceptance of a \$186,976 grant with no new match required, from State 911 to the Police Department for training and EMT service.
67. Mayor's Request (ID # 17249) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts University, with no match required, pursuant to its Partnership Agreement with the City.
68. Mayor's Request (ID # 17234) Requesting the appointment of Francis J. Golden as Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Board of Assessors.
69. Officer's Communication (ID # 17254) Director of Planning responding to #204300 re: email communications for items before the Planning and Zoning Boards.
70. Officer's Communication (ID # 17244) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/26/17.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT